

REMARKS

The present Amendment amends claim 1 and leaves claims 2-19 unchanged. Therefore, the present application has pending claims 1-19.

Amendments were made to the specification to update the status of the parent application and to correct other minor errors grammatical and editorial in nature discovered upon review. Entry of this amendment is respectfully requested.

In the Office Action the Examiner objects to the June 2, 2005 Information Disclosure Statement as allegedly failing to comply with the provisions of 37 CFR §1.97, 1.98 and MPEP §609 because reference AD is missing and the listing of reference AE has the inventor's name missing as required under 37 CFR §1.98(b)(3). Filed on even date herewith is a Form PTO-1449 correcting the information listed on the June 2, 2005 Information Disclosure Statement. An acknowledgement that said references have been considered is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-19 stand rejected under 35 USC §112, second paragraph being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicants regards as their invention. Various amendments were made throughout claims 1-19 to bring them into conformity with the requirements of 35 USC §112, second paragraph. Therefore, this rejection with respect to claims 1-19 is overcome and should be withdrawn.

Specifically, amendments were made throughout claims 1-19 to overcome the objections noted by the Examiner in the Office Action.

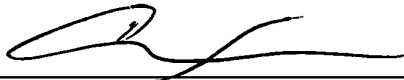
The Examiner's cooperation is respectfully requested to contact Applicants' Attorney by telephone should any further indefinite matter be discovered so that appropriate amendments made be made.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants submit that claims 1-19 are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, early allowance of the present application based on claims 1-19 is respectfully requested.

To the extent necessary, the applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment of fees, to the deposit account of MATTINGLY, STANGER, MALUR & BRUNDIDGE, P.C., Deposit Account No. 50-1417 (500.38242CX1).

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